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# SONIC THE HEDGEHUG

## GUERRILLA THRILLER

PART I

HAS GOT TO BE  
TOLD ABOUT THIS...  
BEFORE IT'S TOO  
LATE!

BUT DOCTOR ROBOTNIK,  
MANY OF YOUR ENEMIES ARE  
HIDING IN THE MOBIAN JUNGLE!  
IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT WE  
ESTABLISH A COMMAND  
CENTER THERE!

SNIVELY, YOU  
IDIOT! YOU KNOW  
HOW I HATE THE  
JUNGLE...

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WITH ITS HOT, HUMID TEMPER-  
ATURES AND ALL THOSE PLANTS AND  
VINES SURROUNDING YOU AND  
THE WILD ANIMALS WATCHING YOU...  
AND...AND...

SIR, I  
GUARANTEE  
YOU WON'T  
HAVE TO SET  
FOOT INSIDE  
THE JUNGLE...

...THE ECO-  
DESTROYER  
WILL DO ALL  
THE WORK!



SOON, IN  
KNOTHOLE...

...ROBOTNIK HAS A PSYCHO-  
LOGICAL FEAR OF THE JUNGLE, BUT  
SNIVELY HAS PROMISED TO CONQUER  
IT FOR HIM! WE'VE GOT TO WARN  
MOBIE AND THE OTHER JUNGLE  
INHABITANTS!

YOU HEARD  
UNCLE CHUCK,  
EVERYONE...



SPLIT UP INTO TEAMS  
OF TWO AND GET THE  
JUNGLE DWELLERS TO  
MOVE DEEPER INTO  
THE JUNGLE...



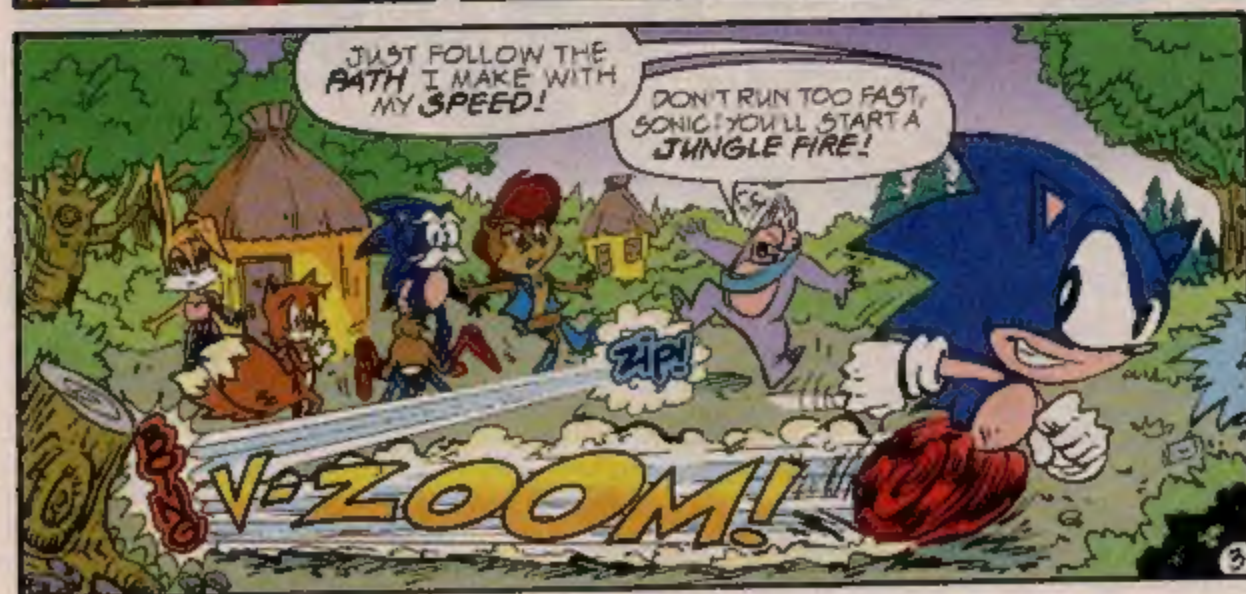
...WHILE I TRY  
TO THINK OF A WAY  
TO STOP THE ECO-  
DESTROYER!

IF YOU DON'T  
MIND, ROTOR, I'LL  
RACE AHEAD OF  
YOU!

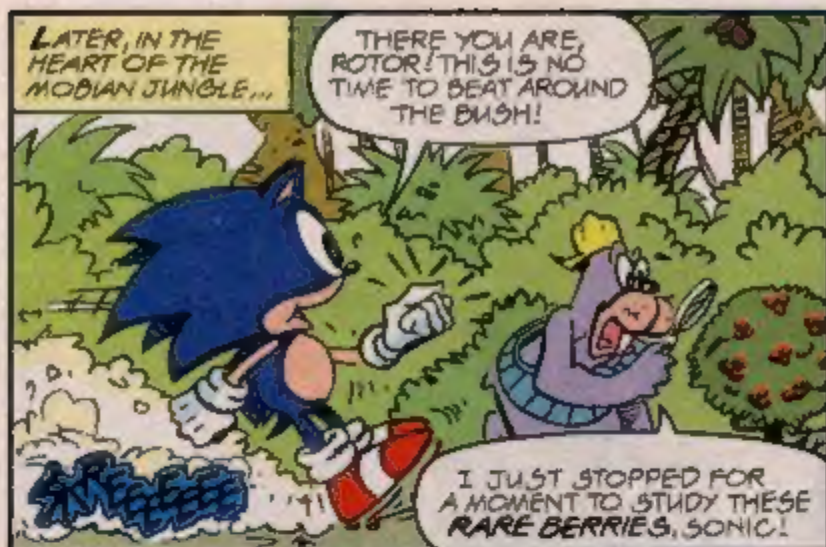


JUST FOLLOW THE  
PATH I MAKE WITH  
MY SPEED!

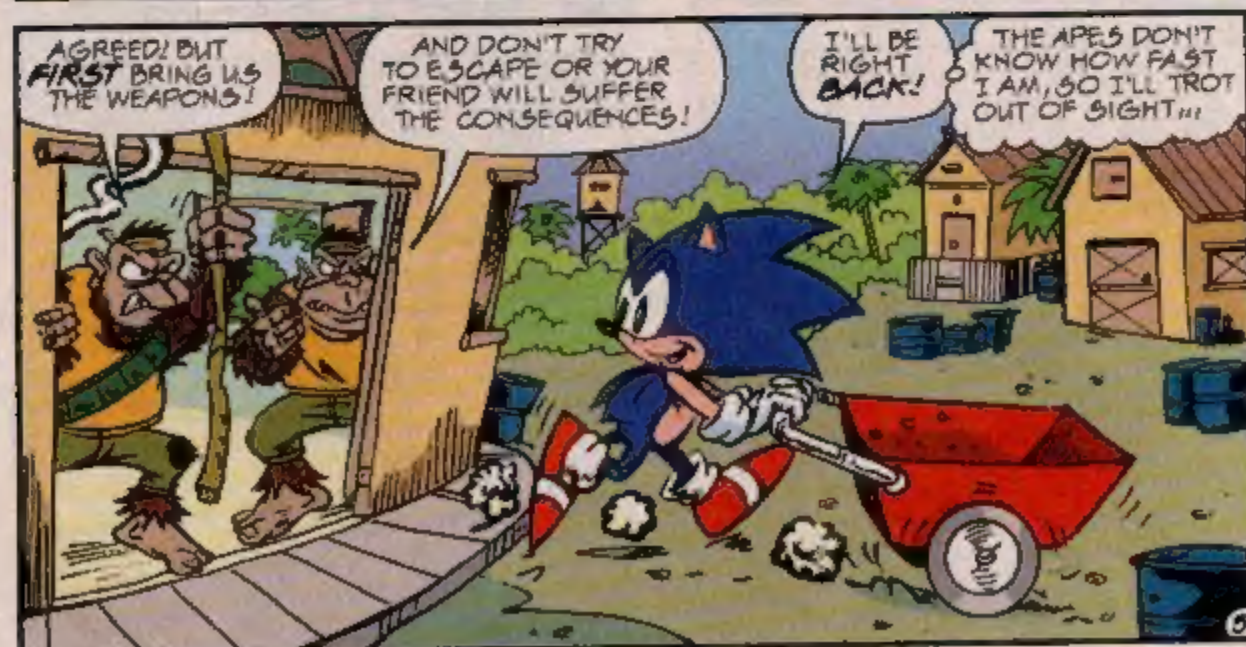
DON'T RUN TOO FAST,  
SONIC! YOU'LL START A  
JUNGLE FIRE!



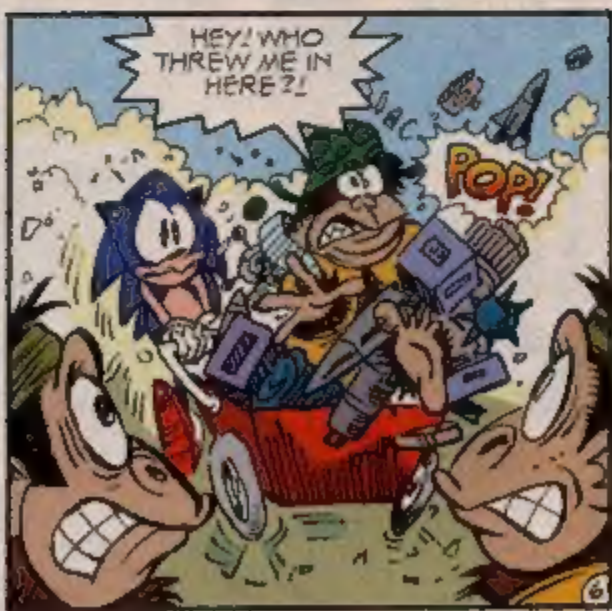
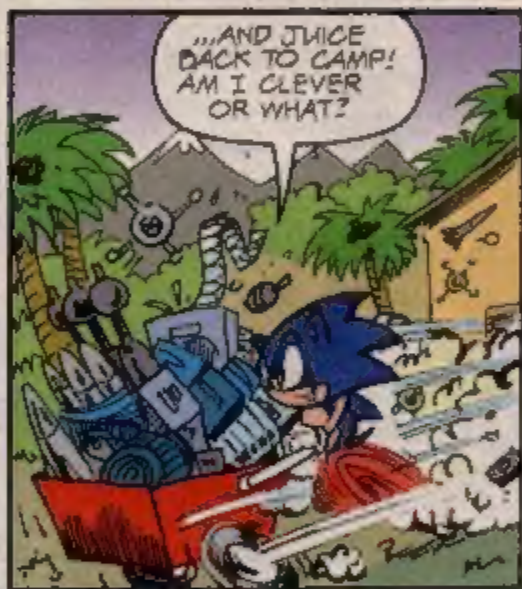
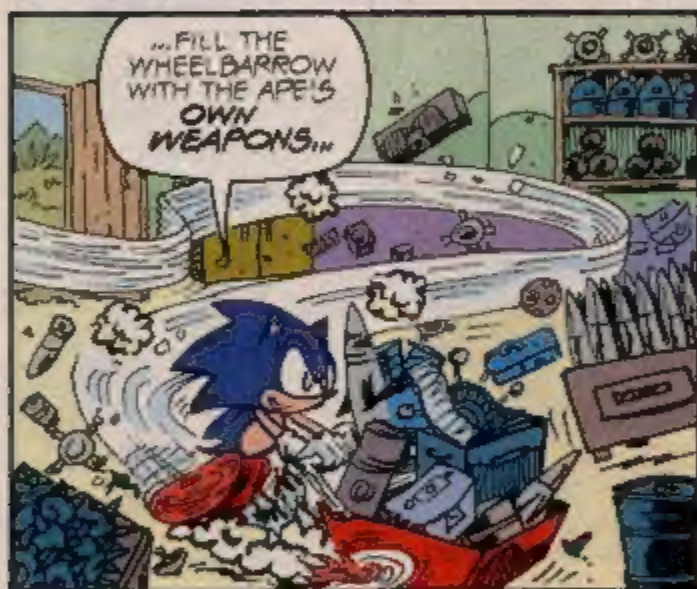


















SONIC,  
LOOK!

I CLAIM THIS JUNGLE  
IN THE NAME OF DOCTOR  
IVO ROBOTNIK, AND I  
ORDER YOU TO  
**SURRENDER...**

...OR THE REST  
OF YOUR CAMP WILL  
BE  
**OBLITERATED!**



END OF  
PART I



# SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

## GUERRILLA THRILLER

PART II

WHAT A **SURPRISE!**  
WHEN DR. ROBOTNIK SEES  
THAT I'VE CAPTURED YOU,  
HE'LL APPOINT ME  
**CO-DICTATOR!**

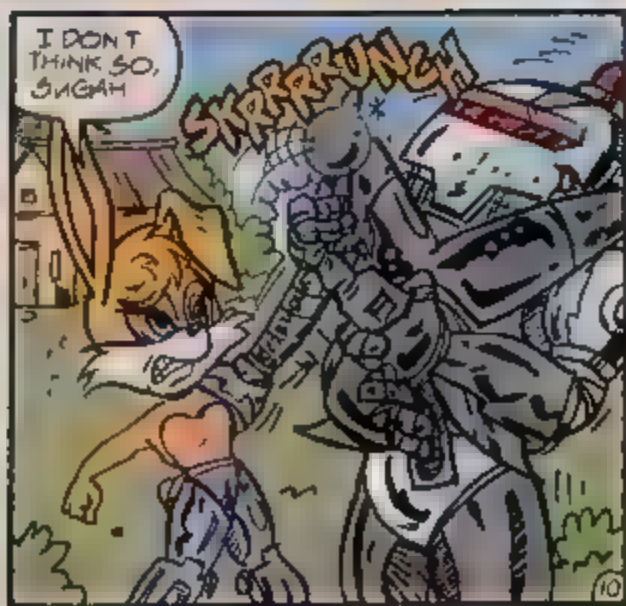
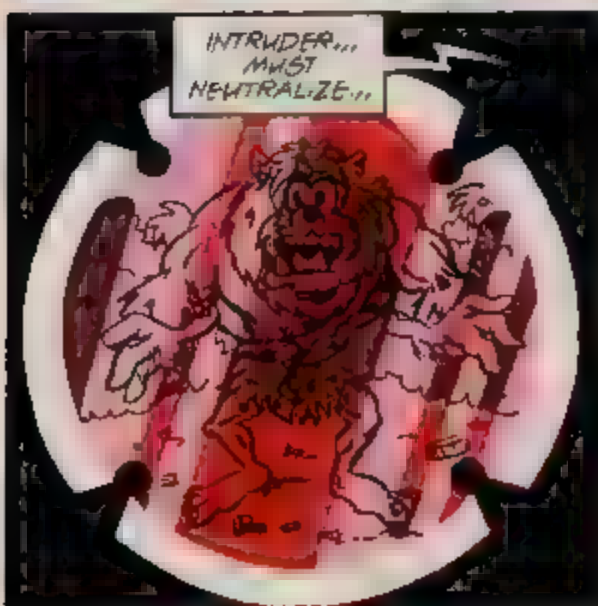
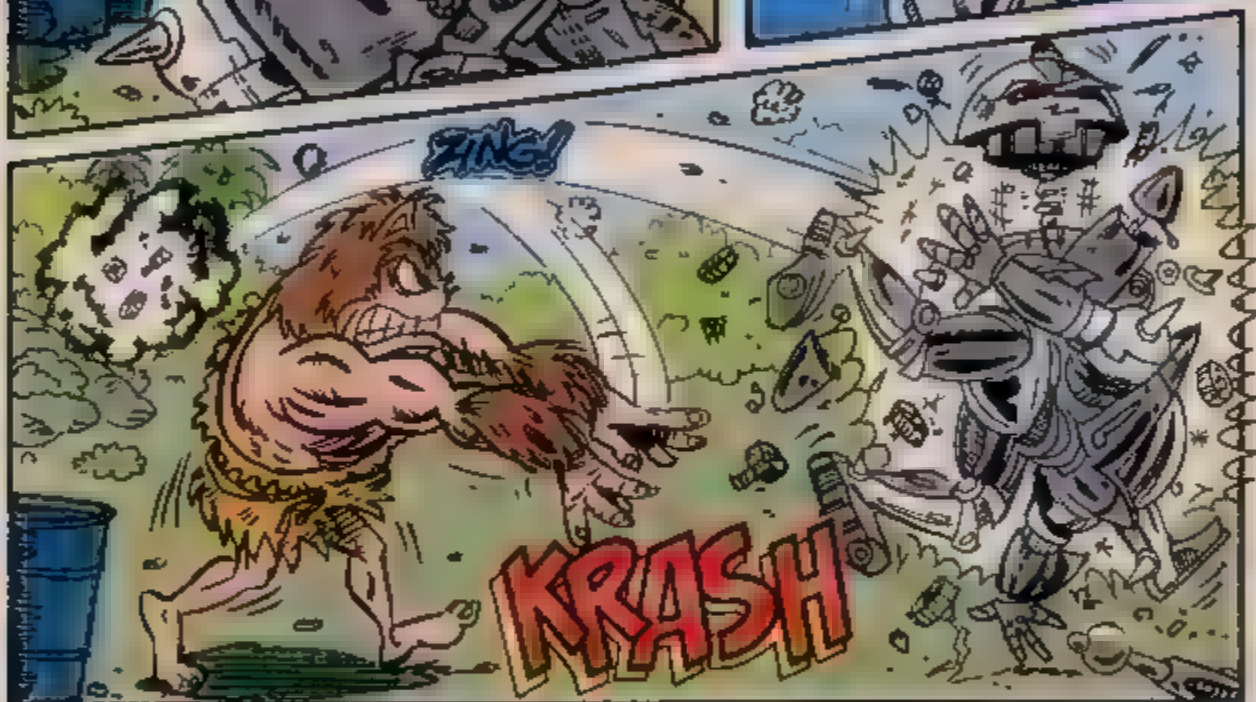
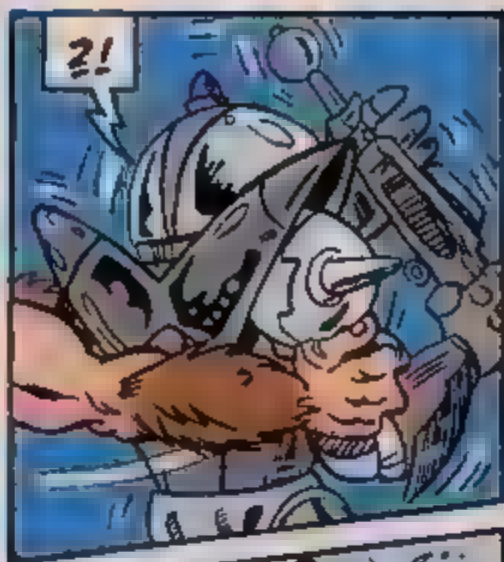
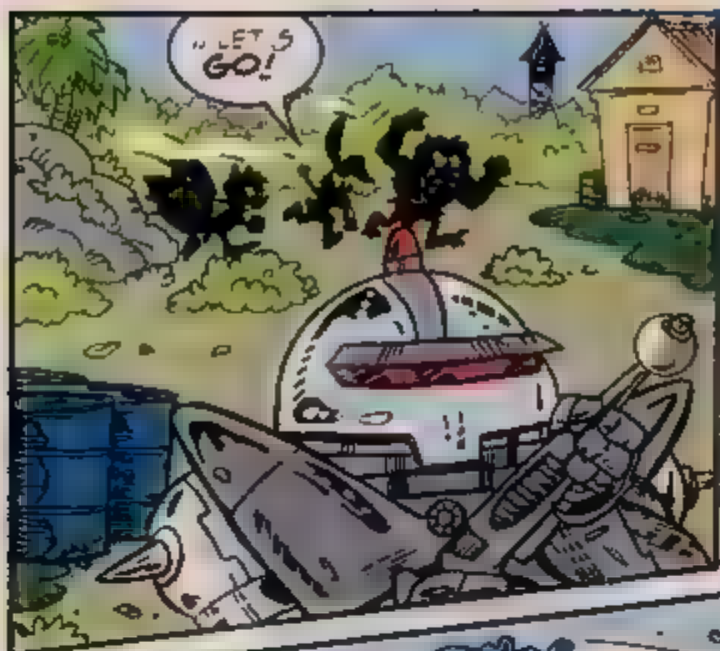
THE **GORILLAS**  
CAPTURED ME **SNIV-NOSE!**  
YOU CAN'T EVEN **CATCH**  
YOUR **BREATH!**

AND I LIKE  
YOUR **HAT!** WHEN  
DID YOU START  
WEARING A **TEEPEE**  
ON YOUR HEAD?

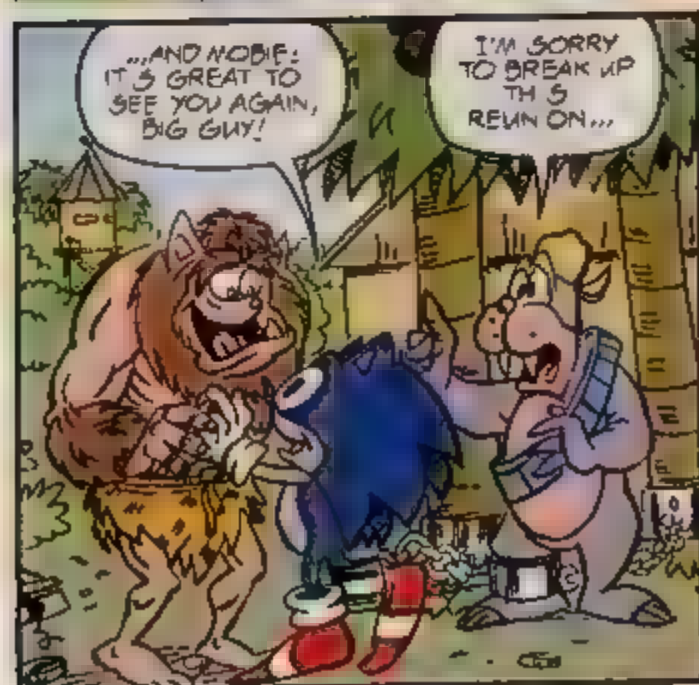
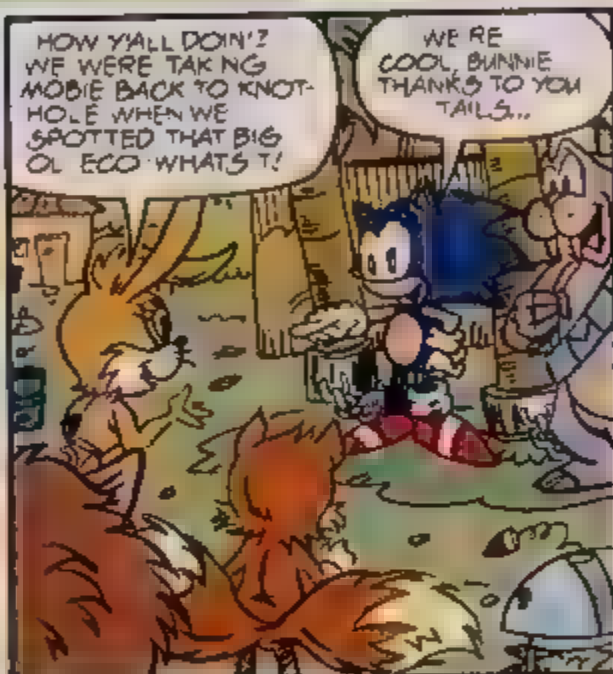
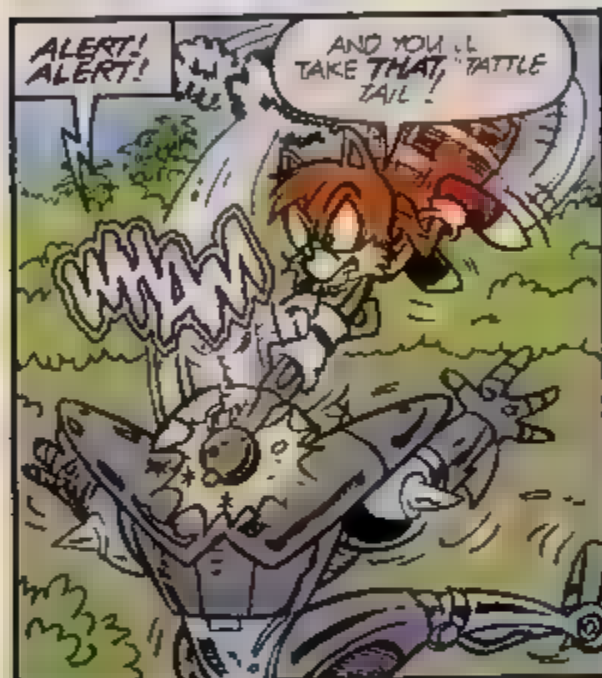
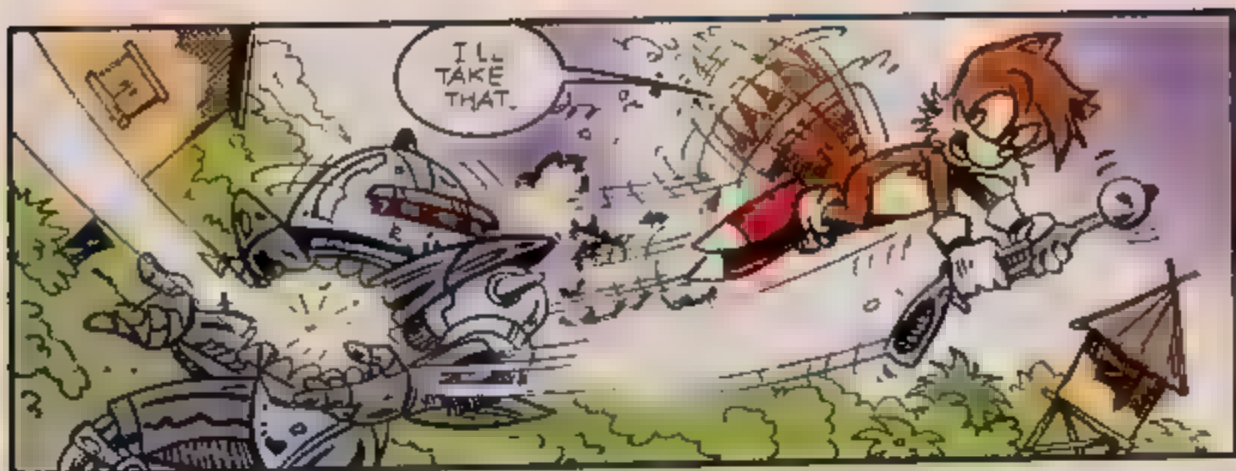
VERY FUNNY, HEDGEHOG!  
WE'LL SEE WHO LAUGHS WHEN  
DOCTOR ROBOTNIK ARRIVES  
AND ORDERS YOU TO BE  
**ROBOTICIZED!**

HE'S  
LEAVING!  
GET  
READY...

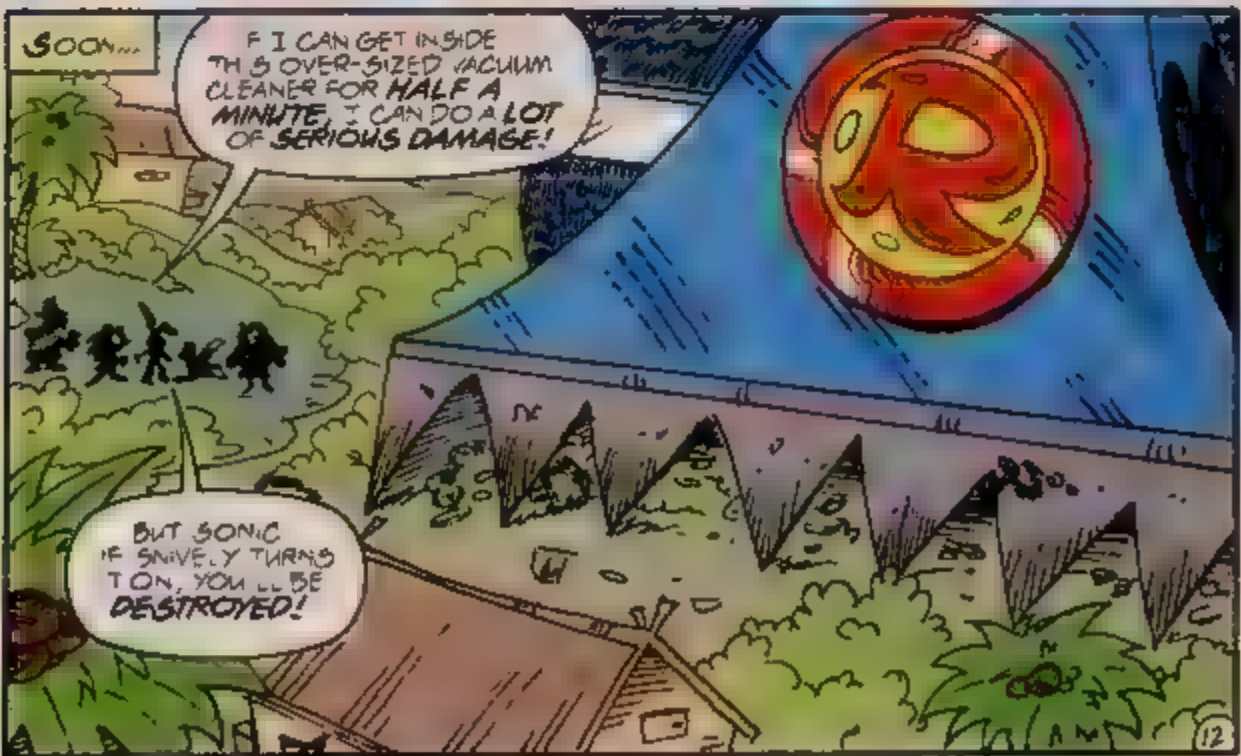
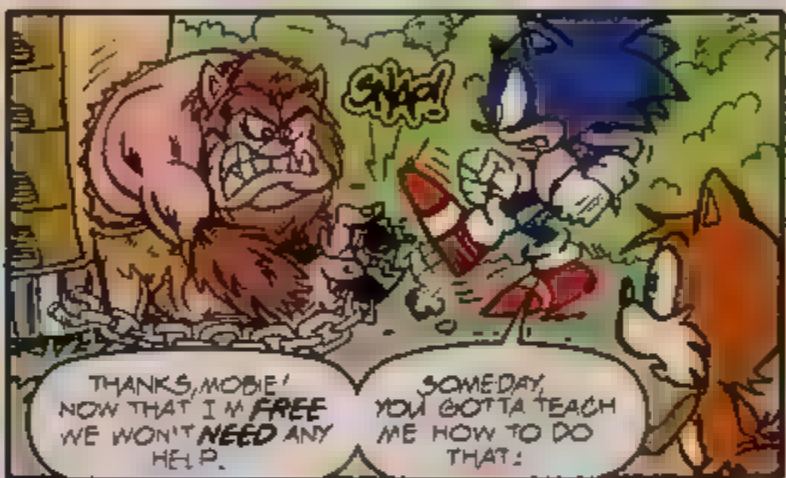
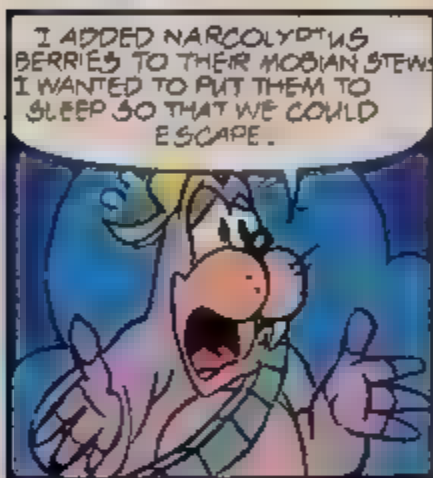
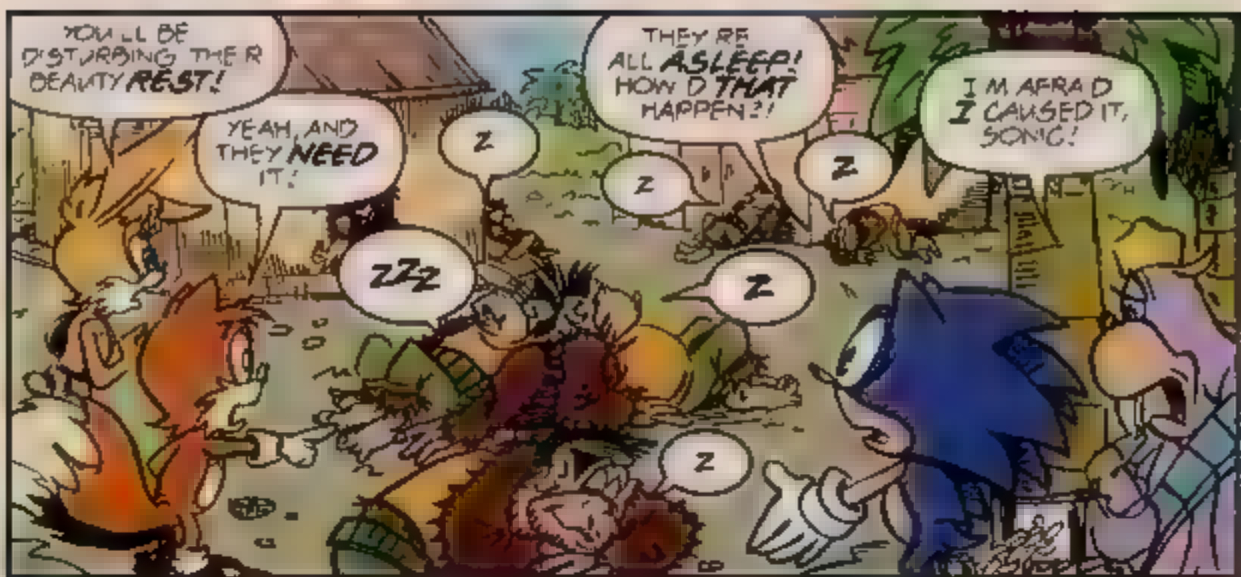




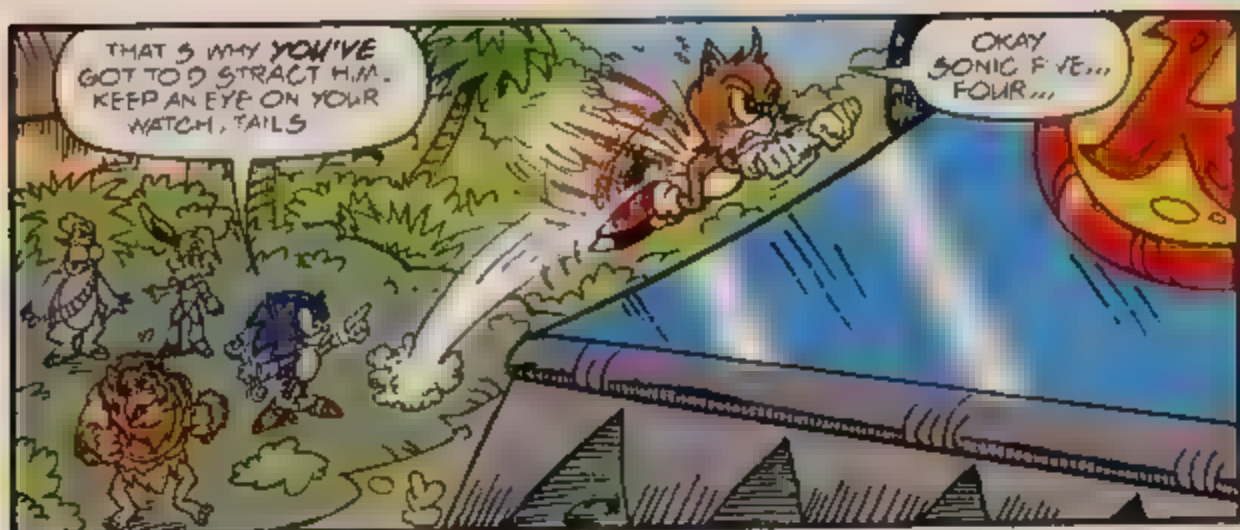






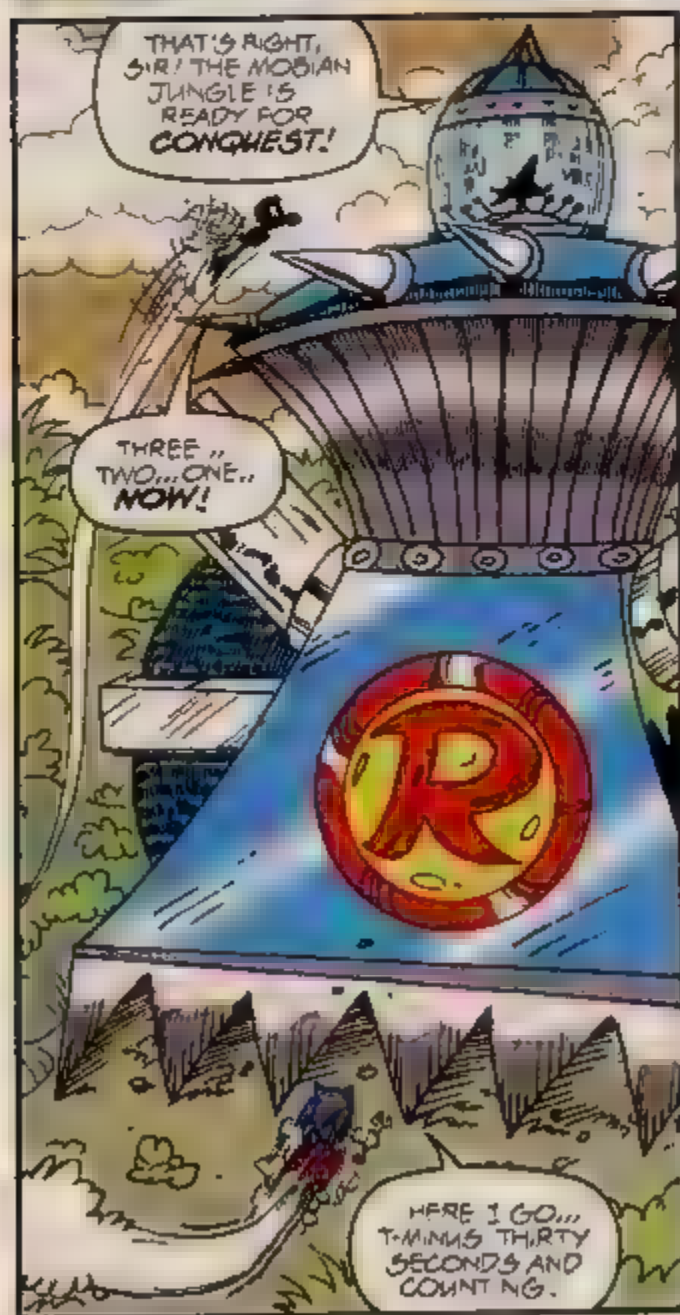






THAT'S WHY YOU'VE GOT TO DISTRACT HIM. KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR WATCH, TAILS

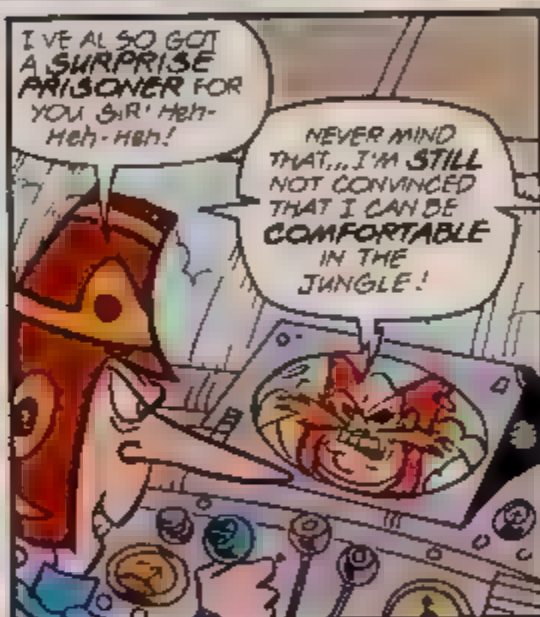
OKAY SONIC FIVE... FOUR...



THAT'S RIGHT, SIR! THE MOBIAN JUNGLE IS READY FOR CONQUEST!

THREE... TWO... ONE... NOW!

HERE I GO... T-MINUS THIRTY SECONDS AND COUNTING.



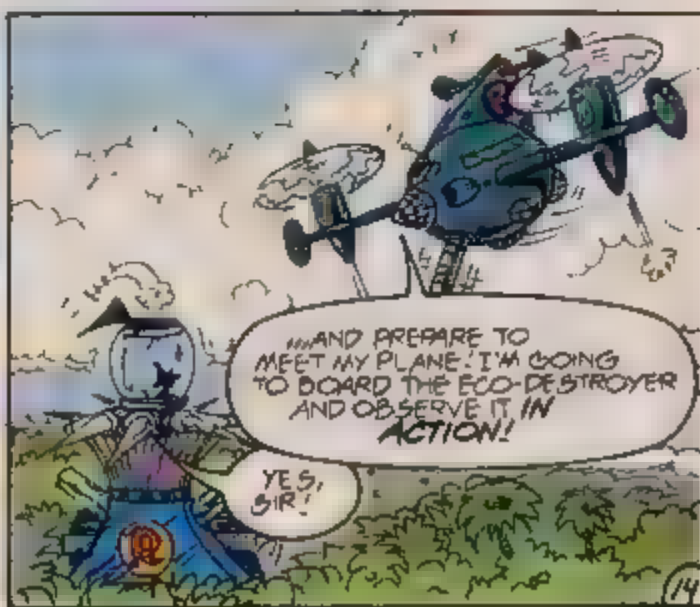
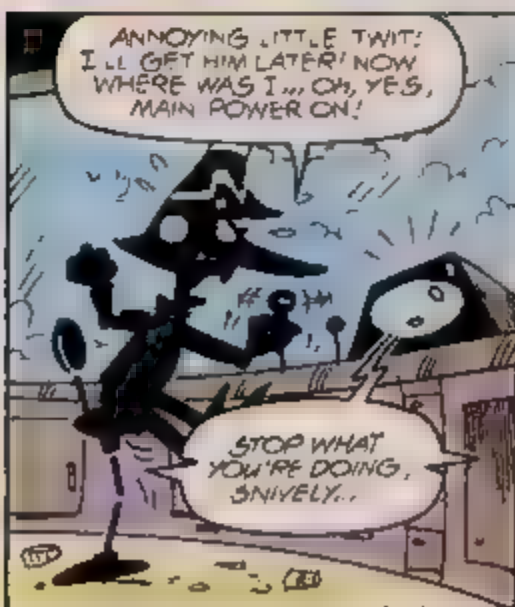
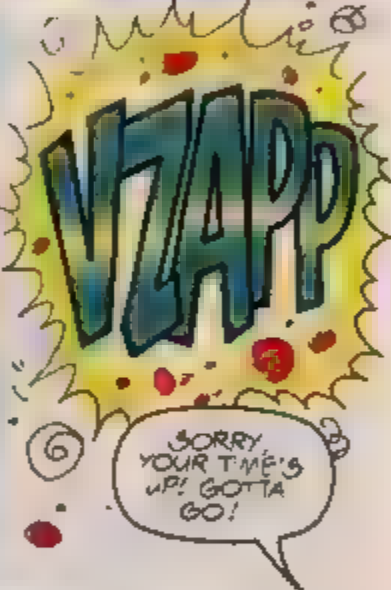
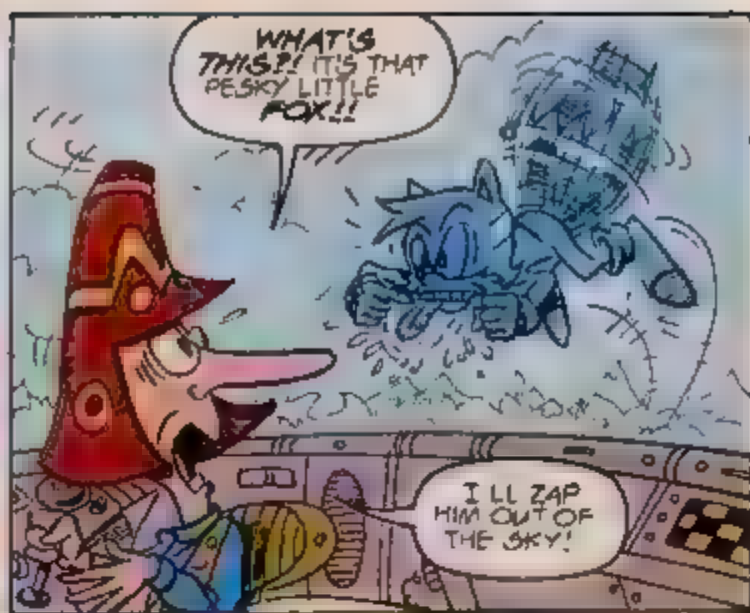
I'VE ALSO GOT A SURPRISE PRISONER FOR YOU, SIR! Heh-heh-heh!

NEVER MIND THAT... I'M STILL NOT CONVINCED THAT I CAN BE COMFORTABLE IN THE JUNGLE!

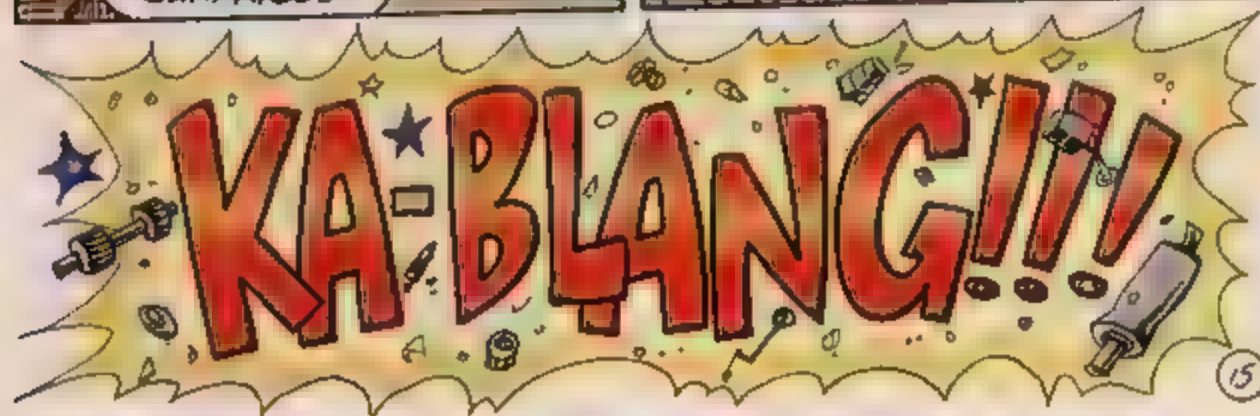
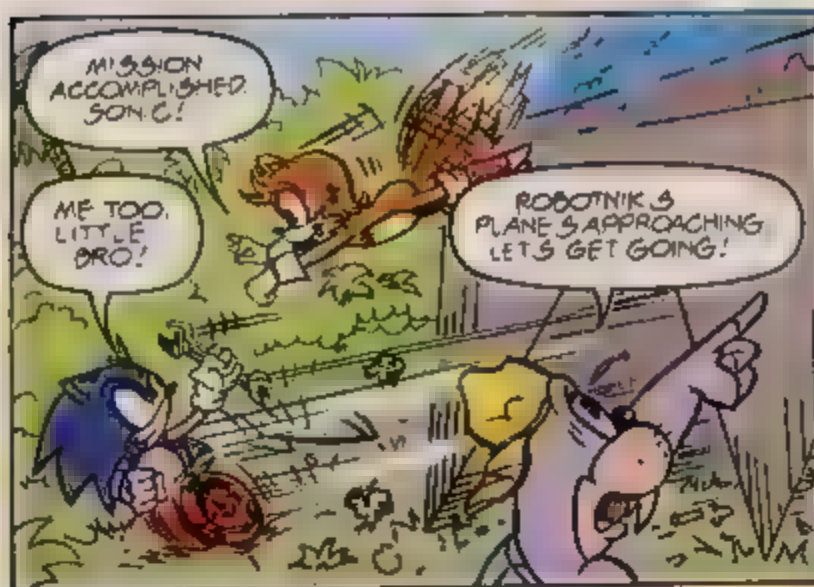


I WANT YOU TO CONTINUE CLEARING AWAY AS MUCH FOLIAGE AS POSSIBLE BEFORE MY PLANE ARRIVES UNDERSTOOD, SNIVELY?







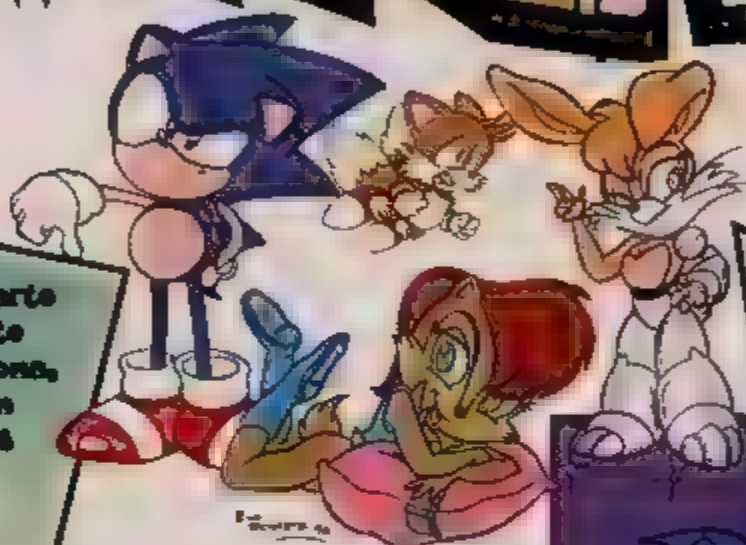








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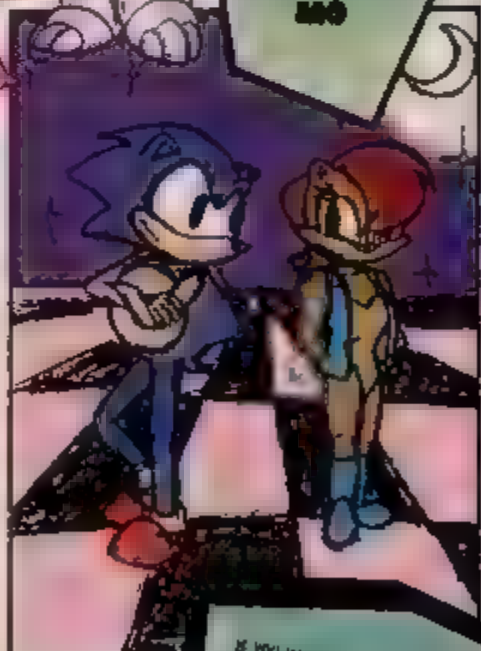


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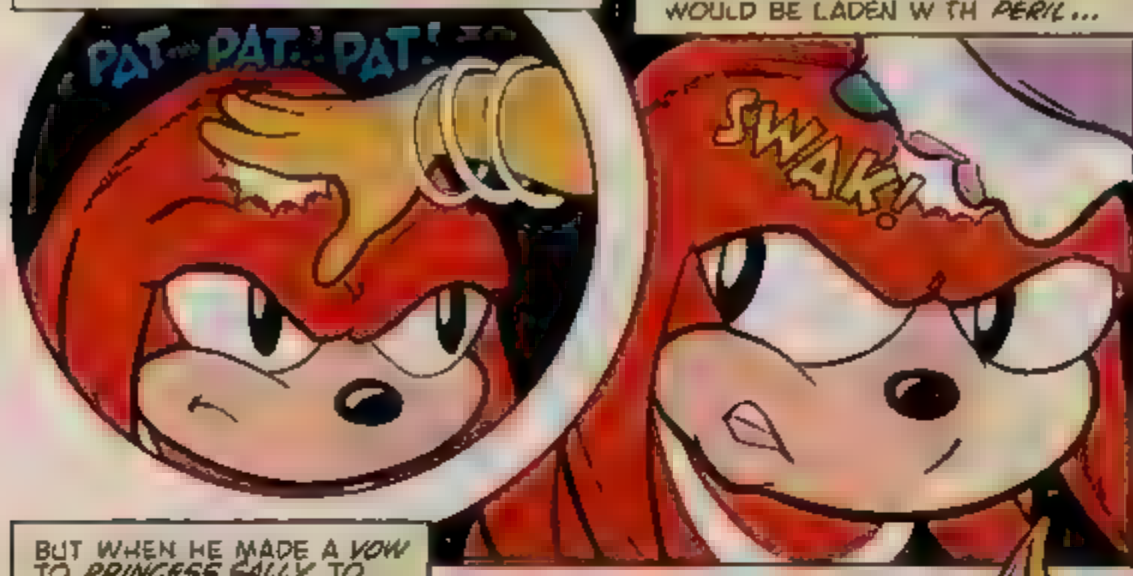






ACCEPTING THE MANTLE OF GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND, KNUCKLES THE ECH DNA KNEW HIS LIFE WOULD BE FRAUGHT WITH GALWART CHALLENGES...

EVER THE STAUNCH HERO, HE ACCEPTED THE FACT THAT HIS LIFE WOULD BE LADEN WITH PERIL...



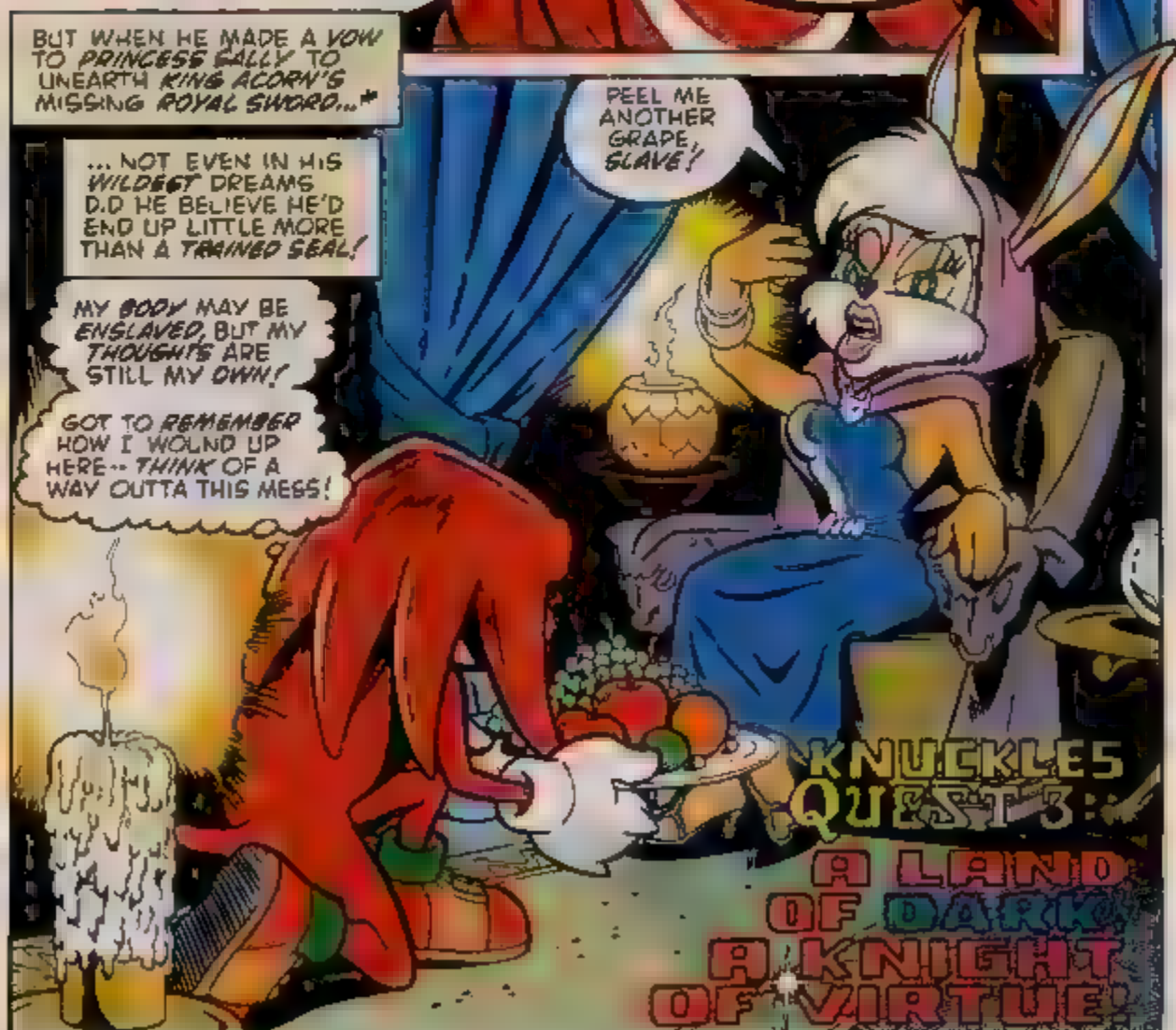
BUT WHEN HE MADE A VOW TO PRINCESS SALLY TO UNEARTH KING ACORN'S MISSING ROYAL SWORD...\*

... NOT EVEN IN HIS WILDEST DREAMS DID HE BELIEVE HE'D END UP LITTLE MORE THAN A TRAINED SEAL!

MY BODY MAY BE ENSLAVED, BUT MY THOUGHTS ARE STILL MY OWN!

GOT TO REMEMBER HOW I WOUND UP HERE-- THINK OF A WAY OUTTA THIS MESS!

PEEL ME ANOTHER GRAPE, SLAVE!



**KNUCKLES QUEST 3:**  
**A LAND OF DARK**  
**A KNIGHT OF VIRTUE!**

\* WHO DOESN'T REMEMBER THE EVENTS DEPICTED IN SONIC #42 -- J Freddy

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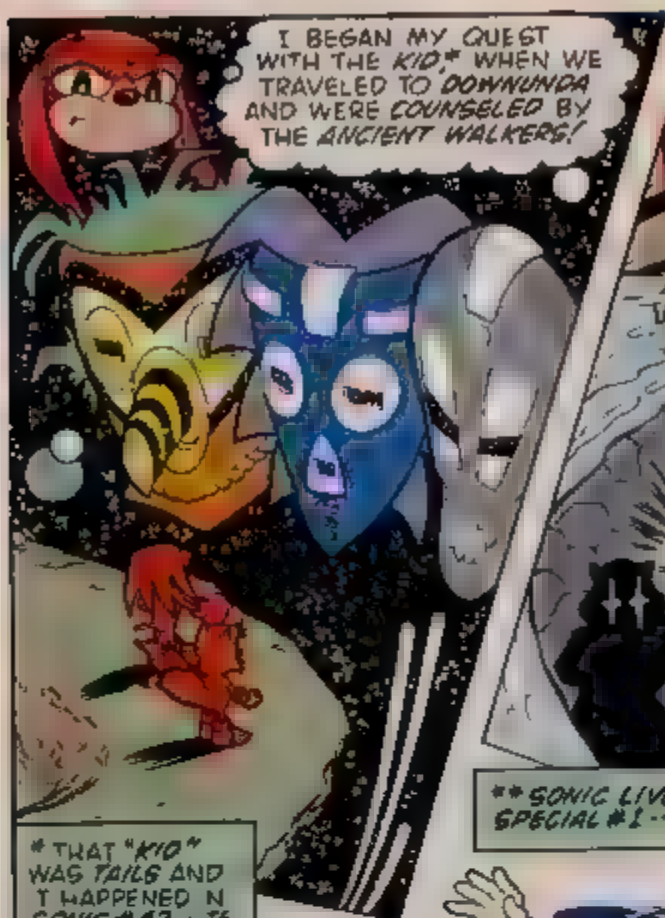
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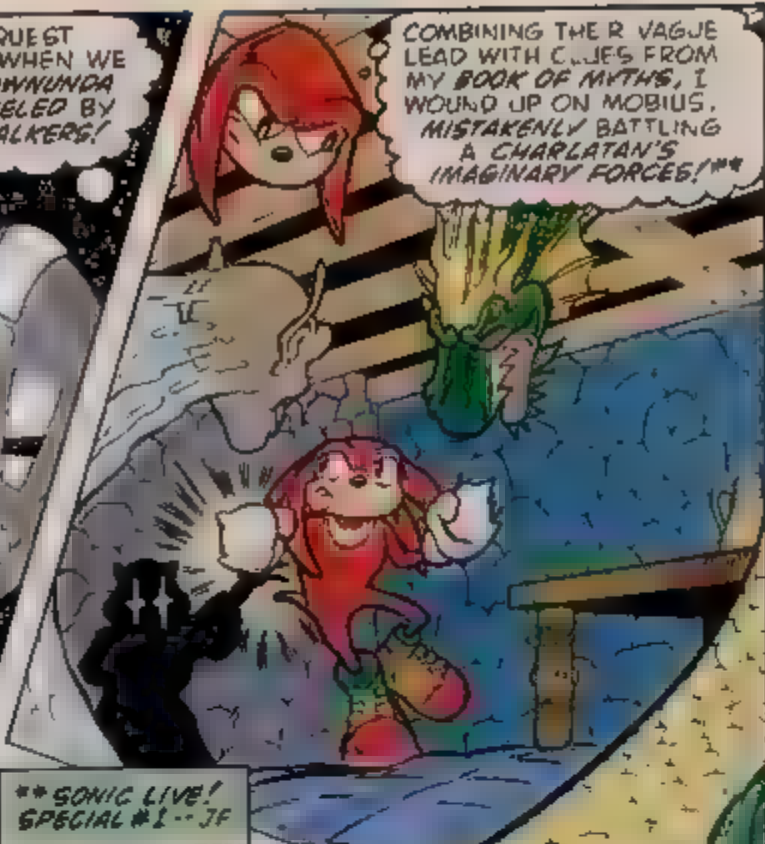
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COLORIST





I BEGAN MY QUEST WITH THE KID,\* WHEN WE TRAVELED TO DOWNUNDA AND WERE COUNSELED BY THE ANCIENT WALKERS!

\* THAT "KID" WAS TAILS AND IT HAPPENED IN SONIC #42 -- JF



COMBINING THE R VAGUE LEAD WITH CLUES FROM MY BOOK OF MYTHS, I WOUND UP ON MOBIUS, MISTAKENLY BATTLING A CHARLATAN'S IMAGINARY FORCES!\*\*\*

\*\* SONIC LIVE! SPECIAL #1 -- JF

\* I THEN GOT SIDE-TRACKED HELPING SONIC BATTLE HIS EVIL TWIN AND ROBOTNIK!\*\*\*

\*\*\* SONIC #44! -- JF AGAIN



\* RETURNING HOME, I ENLISTED THE CHAOTIX\* HELP IN RESUMING MY QUEST!

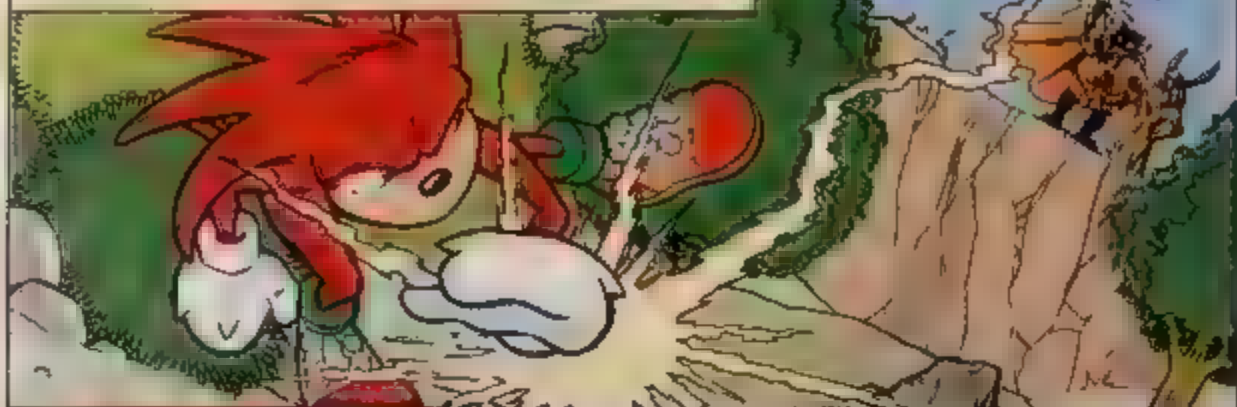


BOOK OF MYTHS

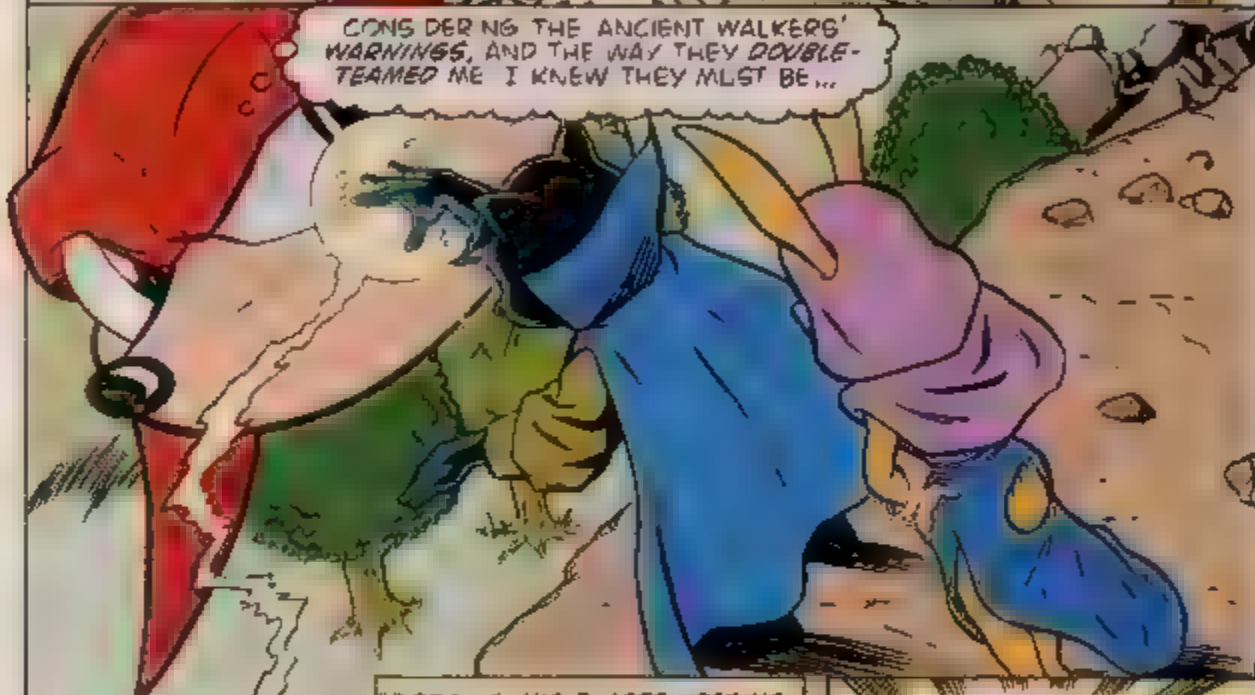
\* BELIEVING THE CHARLATAN'S CLUE OF THE LAND OF DARK TO BE AN OLD NAME FOR THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE ISLAND'S FORBIDDEN ZONE, I VENTURED FORTH.



"... AND IN A LITTLE KNOWN, SUPPOSEDLY UNINHABITED REGION, I WAS ATTACKED BY TWO BEINGS!



CONSIDERING THE ANCIENT WALKERS' WARNINGS, AND THE WAY THEY DOUBLE-TEAMED ME I KNEW THEY MUST BE...



"DODGING HIS BLASTS LEFT ME WIDE OPEN-- WITH ONE LOOK, SHE CONTROLLED MY WILL!"

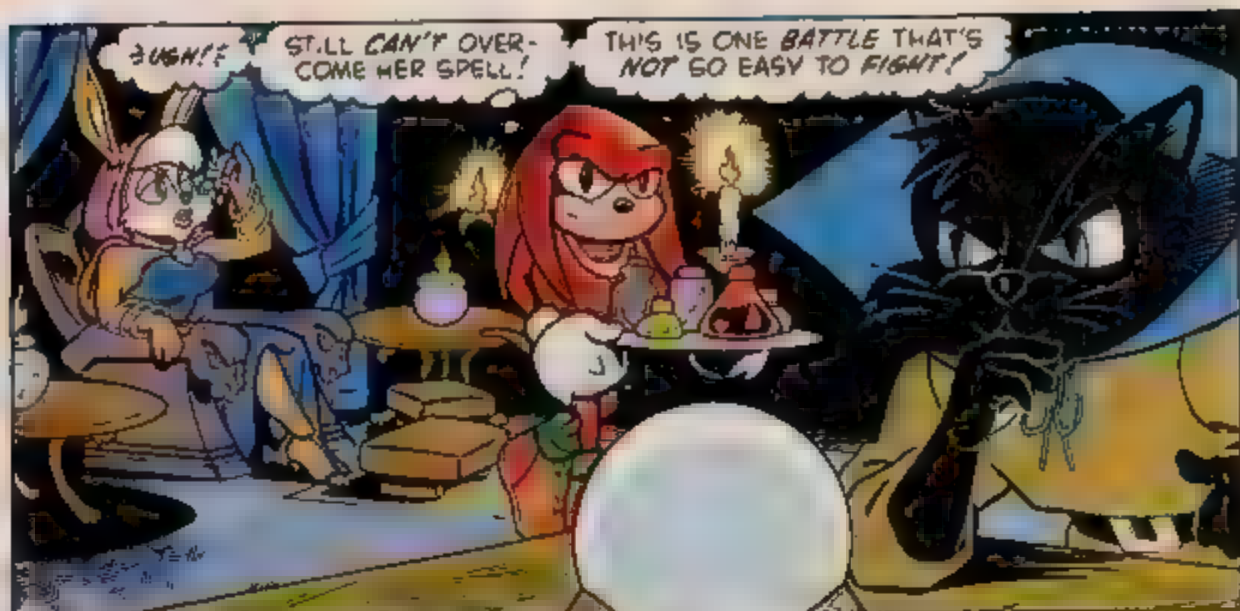


THE SORCEROR! AND THE ENCHANTRESS!



NOW I'M THEIR SERVANT, THE FIRST OF THEIR UNWILLING ARMY, UNLESS I--





BOOSH!!

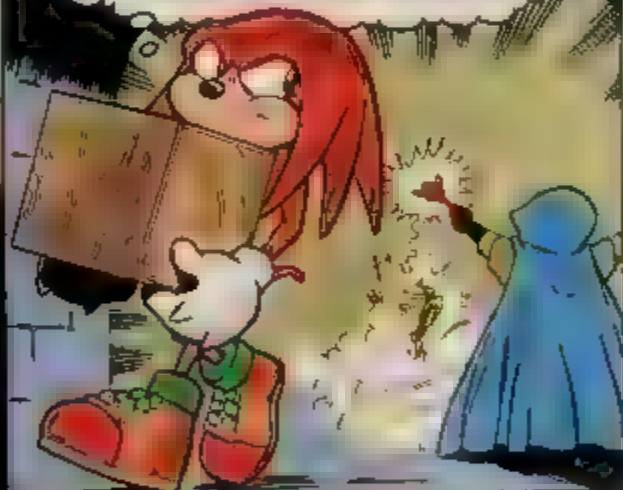
STILL CAN'T OVER-  
COME HER SPELL!

THIS IS ONE BATTLE THAT'S  
NOT SO EASY TO FIGHT!

OKAY THEN, THINK! THE WALKERS SAID,  
"...THERE EXIST A SORCEROR WZARD AND  
ALCHEMIST WHO STAND ALONE!"

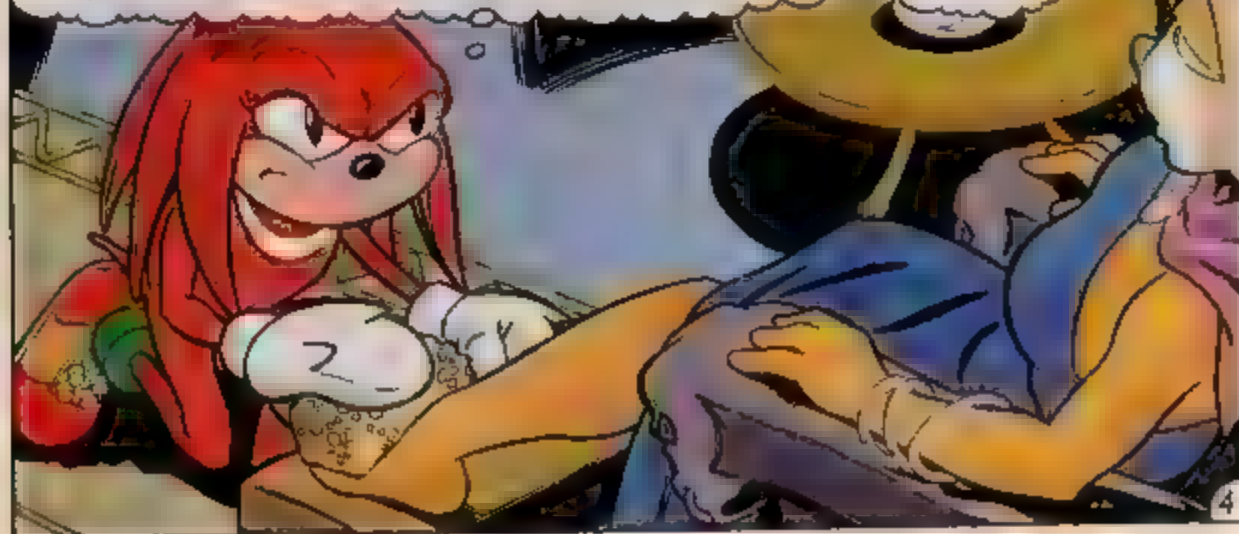


I'LL TAKE THAT TO MEAN THAT THE  
SORCEROR DOESN'T HANG WITH  
OTHER POWERFUL MYSTICS!



TRANSLAT ON: HIS GIRLFRIEND HERE ISN'T THAT POWERFUL,  
AND MAY FALL TO A GOOD UPPERCUT, AFTER ALL!

SO THAT  
MEANS...



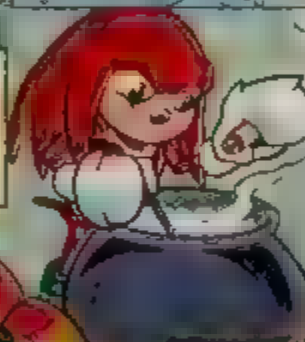


STAY CALM! OKAY... "A CHARLATAN, ENCHANTRESS AND PALADIN WITH FAIRNESS AND COURAGE THOU MUST FACE, WITH PATIENCE AND FORTITUDE A BLADE OF STEEL THOU MAY EMBRACE!"

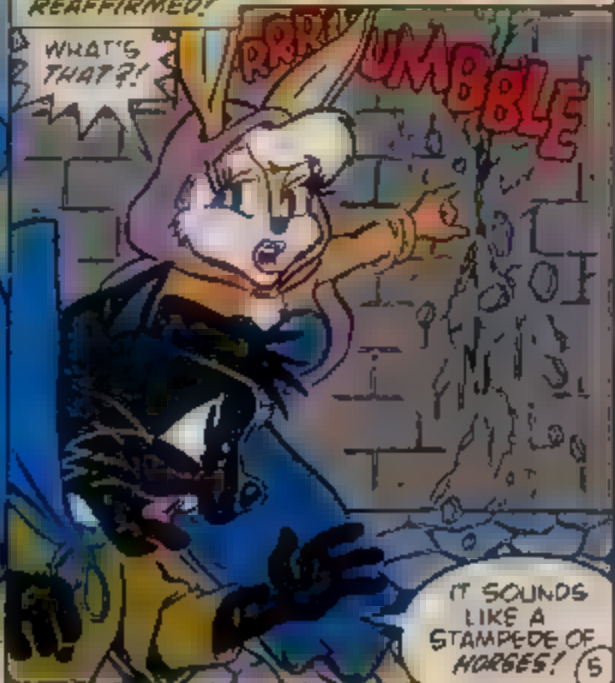
I'VE FACED A CHARLATAN, I'M FACING THE ENCHANTRESS, I DON'T SEE A PALADIN. FORCING ME TO JUST BE PATIENT!



THROUGH SHEER STRENGTH OF WILL, THE UNYIELDING ECHIDNA PASSES ON, PERFORMING MENIAL TASK AFTER MENIAL TASK, THE HOURS TURNING INTO DAYS...



WITH VIRTUALLY ALL HOPE GONE AND DESPERATION DESCENDING, AS IF BY DIVINE RIGHT HIS FAITH OF PERSISTENCE IS REAFFIRMED!



WHAT'S THAT?!

IT SOUNDS LIKE A STAMPEDE OF HORSES! (5)



WHAT HO' VARLETS! DID YOU  
THINK TO FOREVER ESCAPE THE  
JUDGEMENT OF SIR CONNERY,  
THE MIGHTY CRUSADER!

OR THAT THIS EVIL  
WITCH'S GAZE COULD  
OVERCOME MY SWORD  
OF JUSTICE?!

SKA-RASH!

BEWARE!  
IT IS THAT  
FANATICAL  
PALADIN!

THE WAITING  
GAME PAID OFF!  
I'M FREE!

THIS GUY'S ONSLAUGHT DISTRACTED THE  
ENCHANTRESS, BREAKING HER MENTAL MUZZLE!

NOW IT'S  
FINALLY  
TIME FOR--

ACTION  
CITY!!

BOY DOES  
THIS FEEL  
GOOD!

WHAM!



AFTER SECURING THE PRISONERS, INTRODUCTIONS AND EXPLANATIONS ARE MADE...

"--AND I LEFT MY POST IN KING ACORN'S ROYAL GUARD WHEN THE CALL CAME UPON ME TO PURGE BLACK MAGIC FROM ALL THE REALMS!"

WHAT ABOUT YOUR SWORD? IS IT THE KING'S?



NO, IT WAS GIVEN TO ME BY MY PATRON DIETIES, THE ANCIENT WALKERS!



HEY! SINCE I'M THEIR NUMBER ONE BOY WHY DON'T YOU JOIN ME?

I CANNOT! MY SWORN OATH DEMANDS THE TOTAL PURGING OF EVIL MAGICIANS BEFORE I JOURNEY THE NEXT LEG OF MY HOLY CRUSADE!



BUT I CAN TELL YOU THIS--LOCATE THE EVIL MATHIAS POE AND DAMOCLES THE ELDER AND YOU MAY FIND THAT WHICH YOU SEEK!



AND WHERE DO THEY HAVE THEIR HATS?

LOOK NOT TO THE CAVERN FILLED WITH CHAOS, BUT TO THE FLOATING ISLAND'S OTHER CAVERNS FILLED WITH CHAOS!



SOUNDS LIKE ANOTHER GOOSE CHASE, BUT AT LEAST I WON'T HAVE TO TRAVEL FAR!

WELL, WHATEVER IT TAKES, I'LL FIND THAT SWORD!

KNUCKLES' QUEST CONCLUDES NEXT ISSUE! DON'T MISS IT!



# SONIC-GRAMS

## THIS JUST IN!

J. Freddy Gabele  
Editor

**A** reminder that this month is the debut of "KNUCKLES: THE DARK LEGION" a new three-issue mini-series! When a technological army known only as The Dark Legion invades The Floating Island, it's up to Knuckles and The Chaotix to find out what they're up to. Just what is the Dark Legion? And what does it have to do with Knuckles' past, present and future? More revelations will be made on the mysterious history of the Echidnas, including Knuckles lineage as "Guardian of the Floating Island!" **Bonus:** All three covers combine to make one big image! Collect all three!

Also next month ...in SONIC #46: Princess Sally takes The Freedom Fighter team out camping to reflect on recent events. What was to be some time for rest and relaxation quickly turns into heated confrontations concerning each other's loyalty! Geoffrey St. John along with Lupe and The Wolfpack (from the animated series) make a special appearance. Don't miss this one as it sets us up for the awesome roller-coaster ride of "END GAME!" the four-part story that will lead us into Sonic's 50th anniversary issue! Don't say I didn't warn you.

TREDDY

Dear Sonic-Grams,

It happened when I saw the cover. It was more than my mind could comprehend! Little did I know that the masterpiece of a cover to SONIC #39 was just the beginning. I was treated to a Mike Gallagher story with beautiful illustrations by Spaz with the assistance of the Bri-guy! The whole thing was so #S@! good that I had to sit and have a good cry to help me realize that such marvels exist out of heaven. The comics have now surpassed anything the cartoon ever did (and that ain't just suck-

ing up, either!) My favorite thing about Spaz is his frequent references to other Sega-related games. I recall seeing The Chaotix, the Saturn logo, and Akira in issue #25. In issue #39, I spotted a Virtual On calendar, a Bug! poster, a Guardian Heroes poster, and a Panzer Dragoon II: Zwei poster.

I have to agree with Brian Edwards. Even though they don't make Sega CD games anymore, it's still worth the price just to play Sonic CD! The soundtrack in that was easily the best music ever created by man

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(much credit to Spencer Nilsen), which is why I'm really excited about Sonic 3-D Blast this year and Sonic X-Treme next year. One last thing: the almighty creator of Sonic, Yuji Naka, has made another game... "Nights" for the Saturn is said by some to be better than Sonic. I find that hard to swallow, but one way or another this game will go down in video game history, and I think you should have a comic special about it. Don't ever stop making Sonic comics!

Sonic-cerely,  
Jared Matte  
Church Point, LA

Dear Sonic  
and the creators,

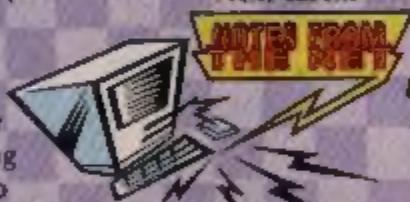
I loved the "MECHA MADNESS" 48-page Special. I have to say - you looked awesome in that robot form! Another thing, Sonic, you're being way too inconsiderate to my man Knux. He did save some Freedom

Fighter butts. Don't hate him. He's cool like you. Sorry about that treason thing. I hope you get Nack the Weasel for me. And does Sally really like Knuckles a lot? But back to the comic, I really liked the plot and the art. Very cool!!!

Justin Barrett  
Brooklyn, NY

*What's doing, J-sters (Jared & Justin)? Glad to hear "The Mecha Madness" story-line got two thumbs up. As awesome as I looked being Mecha-Sonic, I didn't feel awesome at all. And as for Sally liking Knuckles, she better not! Especially when she's got a cool blue dude like me around!*

Next case...



Dear Sonic,  
My favorite issue is

SONIC #39! Spaz is such a terrific artist! I also like all the specials. They're cool. If any other net-surfers are out there, don't be shy, come and visit us online! You can chat with other fans, download cool art, learn about your favorite characters and even see some new ones found only in Japan! Currently, I don't have a home page but you can E-mail me. See you later, Hedgehog fans!

Ruby the Echidna  
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*What's so cool about echidnas these days? Hedgehogs are way cooler! "Ruby the Hedgehog"... I like the sound of that!*

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